



LEGISLATIVE CORNER

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The federal government enacted a law entitled Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act in 2006. This law provides an opportunity for tribes to have their own Sex Offender Registry or to relinquish this activity to the state. LTBB decided to establish its own registry and to coordinate with the State of Michigan. Because the tribe decided to establish its own registry, Tribal Council needed to pass the following to implement the registry: Sex Offender Registry and Notification Statute (SORNS), Sex Offense Statute, Policies and Procedures and a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Michigan.

The tribe is now ready to implement the registry.

Persons who are required to register as a sex offender and either live in tribal housing, are employed by the tribe, attend classes at any of the tribe's buildings or visit or stay for more than seven days at either tribal housing or Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI, will need to register with the tribe. Individuals **MUST** register by August 1, 2011 with Tribal Police.

Tribal Police is located at the LTBB Governmental Center, 7500

Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI.

Individuals subject to registration under the statute are *not* limited to individuals who have been convicted or sentenced by the Tribal Court or to LTBB Tribal Citizens or Indians in general. All individuals who have been convicted and sentenced by the Tribal Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction for a qualifying sex offense and who are within the tribe's jurisdiction, **MUST** register with the tribe by August 1, 2011.

All other individuals who are required to register and are within our reservation (but are not employed by the tribe, reside on trust lands or do not go to classes on trust land) may either register with the tribe or the State of Michigan.

If you have any questions on the registration process, you may contact the Tribal Police at 231-242-1500, and you can find a link to our registry on our website at www.ltbbodawan.nsn.gov.

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